

# COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDD

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Since becoming foster parents, the Kidds have had 61 children in their home. Some of the children will be there for one night and others will remain for years.

They said as long as they feel

it is God's will for them to continue taking children, they will keep doing it.

Although the Kidds are licensed through Coffee County DHR, they have fostered children from Dale, Coffee,

Grenshaw and Pike counties. Three years ago, Pike County social workers got involved with the couple after they accepted a foster child with serious medical conditions. On July 5, 2006, the couple finalized the adoption of this child.

Part of the reason this couple won the award may be their lack of limitations on accepting children. They say "we need background checks, no matter, and they have the ability to accept most of fragile children."

The couple thanks their biological children for sharing their mom and dad with children that can not be with their own. They say fostering is a challenging but rewarding job, and as long as they keep God first, they will continue to be blessed.

Troy University plans 'Salute to Veterans'

Since 2000, Troy University has honored the men and women of the U.S. military at one home football game in November as a Veterans Day tribute. This year's "Salute to Veterans" is scheduled for the Nov. 18 Trojans' game with Arkansas State, will add a new twist to the tradition.

This year's salute will emphasize the University's recently launched campaign to identify and thank current students, alumni, faculty, staff members— or members of their immediate families—who are currently serving in the military, according to Janice Hawkins, Troy's first lady.

The tribute, scheduled for halftime of the football game, includes a special show by TROY's "Sound of the South" Marching Band. The centerpiece of the annual tribute is the playing of the songs of each branch of the service. Personnel currently serving in the military and veterans in the audience will be asked to stand and be recognized when the song representing their branch of the service is played.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce extended the honor of "Business of the Month" for November to Elba City Schools.

"We are pleased to be selected by the chamber as business of the month for November," said Danny Weeks, superintendent. "The most important job in our business is to ensure all our students receive a quality education."

Weeks said data for state accountability, students assessments and adequate yearly progress (AYP) was released statewide Aug. 11th which showed more students were tested, scores increased, attendance rose and participation rates were almost perfect in Elba City Schools.

"This can be attributed to a wonderful staff of over 125 employees that care for the most important and precious resource we have...our students," said Weeks.

"These schools have made tremendous strides in academic improvement and are to be congratulated," said Weeks. "As with any business to be successful,

we must produce a quality product. In our case this would be our graduates. I am pleased that our 2005 graduates received over \$1.2 million in scholarships and our honor graduates made up over 50 percent of the class. We truly produced a great product!"

To produce any great product, Weeks said it takes money. Last year, he said the school system spent over \$4.5 million on instruction and over \$1.2 million on support services. He said the operating cost and maintenance on buildings and grounds amounted to over \$690,000. In addition, the system spends over \$1 million on transportation and Child Nutrition programs.

"Again, thank you to the Elba Chamber of Commerce for selecting our school system as business of the month," said Weeks. "We are thankful for our students, staff, parents and to the community we serve."

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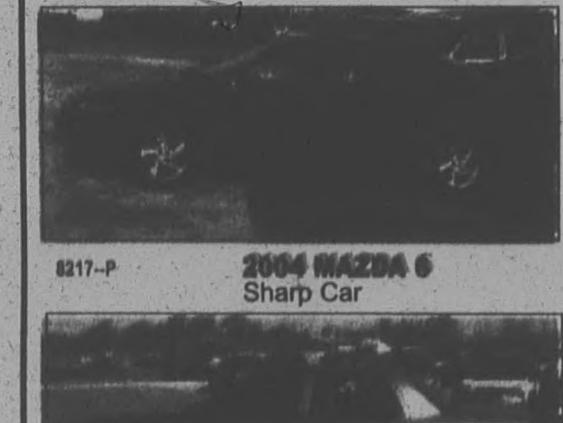
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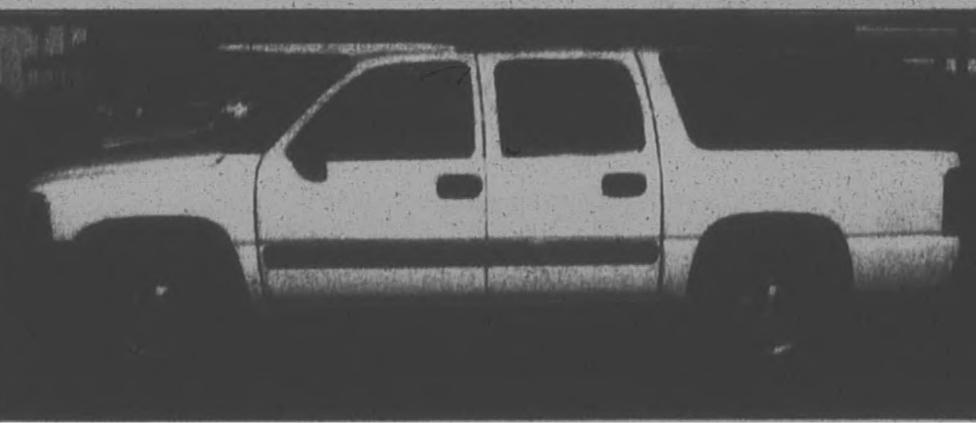
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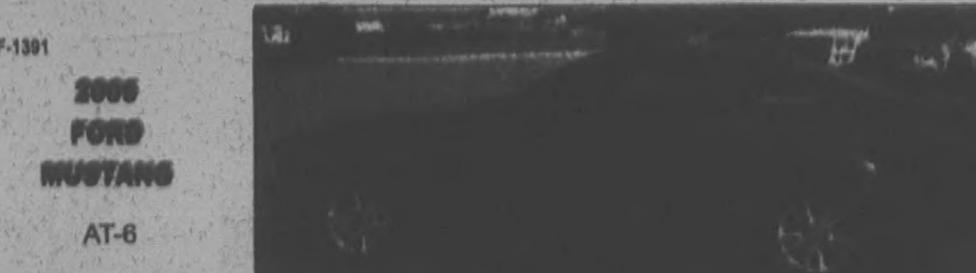
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Storms hit area Wednesday, Nov. 15, leaving path of destruction

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Strong winds and heavy rain kept Coffee County residents on alert Wednesday, Nov. 15, as damaging storms moved through the state.

Several times throughout the day, Coffee County found itself placed under various weather warnings from the storms.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County EMA, said the brunt of damage in Coffee County occurred in the area of Coffee County Road 235 and 239. Also, he said the Coffe

County Landfill sustained some damage.

Tallas said the storm that left a path of destruction on County Road 235 has not been formed as the result of a tornado; however, he did say there is a distinct possibility a tornado did hit the area. He said there were signs of twisted tree tops.

Tallas said the Coffee County Landfill fell victim to the storm with a couple of building receiving damage and a trailer being destroyed.

South of Enterprise, Tallas said some chicken houses sustained roof damage during the day.

Overall, he said Coffee County fared well through the storms, but there was notable damage throughout the county.

Damage estimates for publicly owned utilities, property, etc. for the county appeared to be about \$166,000 for Coffee County. Tallas said this does not include individual damage estimates.

Katrina Calhoun resigns from Elba BOE to fill teaching position

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met on Thursday, November 16 without board member (and board chair) Katrina Calhoun who had resigned from the board.

Mrs. Calhoun, a former Elba elementary teacher, will take temporary position with the school system replacing a teacher who will be out several months following surgery.

Board member Valerie McGuire, who was serving as Vice Chair of the board was named to fill the vacancy.

Superintendent Danny Weeks revised the monthly financial statement, noting to the board that there was nothing out of the ordinary happened on County Rd. 636.

First Lady Laura Bush recognizes Phil Boggan and State of Louisiana

The aftermath of the strong storms that moved through the area Wednesday, Nov. 15, included the removal of lots of debris. On Coffee County Road 235, trees had to be cleared from the road before emergency personnel could make their way through to access damages and help those sustaining injury and/or damage to property.

Accident claims New Brockton resident's life

A one vehicle accident claimed the life of a New Brockton resident Saturday, Nov. 18.

According to information from the Alabama Department of Public Safety, Christina Lynn Adkins of New Brockton died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident which occurred on County Rd. 636.

The accident was investigated by Trooper McGowan.

First Lady Laura Bush recognizes Phil Boggan and State of Louisiana

Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States and Honorary Chair of Preserve America, designated three new Preserve America communities and highlighted four of the initiative's first regional Preserve America Grant recipients that together received more than \$427,000.

"Preserve America promotes education, historic preservation and economic development as it encourages greater appreciation of our national treasures—from monuments and buildings to landscapes and urban streets. Preserves are everywhere. American, especially our children, to discover and learn about our nation's heritage, a heritage bestowed by our parents and grandparents upon which we continue to build," Bush said.

The presentations were part of the opening plenary session of the Preserve America Summit, held Oct. 19-20, 2006, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and to consider means to more widely share the economic, educational, and cultural benefits of the nation's heritage resources.

Louisiana Rebirth: Restoring the Soul of America, received \$150,000. This project aims to create an annual event called "Louisiana Main to Main," which will promote the cultural heritage and economic well-being of each of Louisiana's main street communities throughout the month of November. "Main to Main" is one of two new initiatives Phil Boggan started up within the Division of Historic Preservation. The other is an urban main street program designed to assist in the revitalization of the traditional neighborhood commercial corridors throughout the city of New

Bronxville, NY.

COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT will hold a flu clinic at the health department Monday, Dec. 4. There also will be a clinic Wednesday, Dec. 13, if the vaccine supply is not depleted. All clinics will be open to the general public and will take place from 9:30 a.m. and from 1:30-3 p.m. Medicare and Active Full Coverage Medicaid will be accepted. Medicare or Medicaid card and a photo ID must be supplied. If the card is not supplied, a fee will be charged. For more information please call (334) 347-9374.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be emergency crews on duty during this time. In case of emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-3130. The garbage pickup schedule will be unchanged.

Protect! Meet the Elba Police

Jeffery W. Shelton joined the Elba Police Department four years ago. He currently serves as patrol sergeant for third shift.

Sgt. Shelton has a total of 17 years of police service. During his career, he also has served three years with the Decatur Police Department, eight years with the Birmingham Police Department and two years with the New Brockton Police Department.

Sgt. Shelton said his most memorable police experience was working four years with the Birmingham Narcotics Division (two years spent undercover).

He has advanced training as a firearms instructor specialized in tactical pistol, shotgun and select fire weapons use. He also has completed numerous training sessions.

Sgt. Shelton is married with four children, and he is an ASE

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

## Coffee County Habitat for Humanity and supporters continue to help local families

It is great to know that our government will be erecting a fence between Mexico and the USA... and that it will work! Don't think they forgot about the tunnels being dug under the border now, heck someone will put up a sign on the fence explaining (in several languages) that it is against the law to dig under the fence and that will solve the tunnel problem forever. Of course don't ask any of the Washington crowd to explain why the White House, which is surrounded by an even higher and stronger fence, has lights everywhere and a host of armed guards... but still has unauthorized people getting onto the White House grounds.

Oh, we witnessed the (electrified) fences erected in Europe during the cold war and people still managed to get out. Once while observing, with a spotting scope, a snow covered Czech border post near that infamous fence, we spied a guard observing us with a scope also, except his was mounted on a rifle! Be assured that image convinced us that we were much too close to effectively do our patrol duty!

There is a heartbreaking personal story on our mind this week. We broke our cherished key ring! Now this was not just any old key holder, but a companion of over 40 years. It started in about 1961 when a fancy engraved key holder we had received for ushering in a friend's wedding just broke. We temporarily improvised with a shower curtain ring picked up there in the Montgomery office where we were working part time as a glorified flunk. Family members gave us broad hints, replacement key rings, etc., but we never changed. Well that thing got bent, straightened, dropped keys all over the ground, etc., but it kept on ticking. That is until Saturday night when it gave up the ghost. This is serious folks, in fact we still have both legs of that almost 50 year old shower curtain ring. We will discard them one day (not throw away, but discard) but for now please share our light-hearted mourning.

The out-of-town copies of The Elba Clipper got lost in the storm last week. Most of our out-of-town papers funnel through Montgomery and as you know the storm caused damage at some of the Montgomery post offices and thus all Montgomery bound mail was rerouted. The big problem apparently arose when someone forgot to send the bags of newspapers back this way after the storm departed. As of Monday afternoon some of the papers had begun to arrive at the homes of out-of-town subscribers, but not all. We can only ask that our readers be patient and hopefully those bags of newspapers will get in someone's way and they will decide to put them on a truck and on to their addressed destination.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one for burglary, one for a gas drive off, one for domestic violence, one for assault, one for obstruction of governmental operations, one for harassing communications, one vehicle incident, two for criminal mischief and one for public intoxication.

The following arrests were made: two for criminal mischief; three for contempt of court, one for obstruction of governmental operations, one for failure to appear, one for domestic violence and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving in the road three for a suspended driver's license, one for an abandoned vehicle in the road, two for a revoked driver's license, one for no brake lights, one for no reverse lights, one for only one headlight, one for no headlights, three for no driver's license, one for no proof of insurance, two for speeding, four for no seat belt, two for attempting to elude, one for a switched tag, two for no insurance and one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, NOV. 13** - Burglary reported at 1578 Caroline St (10:08 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at senior center on Simmons St. (8:20 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, NOV. 14**

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One local business and its customers, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, are helping families in Coffee County this holiday season through the "Homes for the Holidays" donation program, which began Monday, Nov. 13, nationwide.

Already in its third year, "Homes for the Holidays" provides customers the chance to donate to Coffee County's Habitat for Humanity affiliate by adding a donation onto their checkout total at the nearest Lowe's store. 100 percent of the funds raised will go to the local Habitat for Humanity.

The program runs through Monday, Dec. 11.

"There are few things more valuable to our customers than their homes, especially during the holiday season when families are gathering to share and create memories," said Larry D. Stone, chairman of Lowe's charitable and educational foundation. "Homes for the Holidays" is a remarkable program because it allows the communities we serve in an effort to help local families in need attain the dream of home ownership."

Lowe's, the underwriter of Habitat for Humanity International's Women Build program, has long supported Habitat's efforts to address the issue of affordable housing. Local affiliates, such as the one Coffey County, coordinate building projects and select partner families. Partner homeowners are chosen based on their ability to repay a non-interest mortgage and their willingness to work in partnership with the local Habitat affiliate.

Habitat houses are sold to the homeowner at no profit, are built by volunteers and trained supervision, and are initially paid for financially by individuals, corporations, faith groups and others. Habitat does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion or ethnicity.

The Coffey County affiliate has already built three homes and is in the process of building one in the Fairfield subdivision of Enterprise. The dedication for the home is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10.

For more information about Coffey County's Habitat for Humanity, to donate household goods, building materials or to volunteer time, call Jeanine Roberts, 313-8885 or e-mail at jeanineroberts@roaddrunner.co m.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 17** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 980 Carver Dr. (4:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Fred's parking lot (7:58 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 799 Washington Ave. (11:54 a.m.); Prowler reported at 630 Smith Ave. (11:47 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, NOV. 16** - Minor wreck (vehicle vs. deer) reported on Claxton Ave. (2:01 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 856 Troy Hwy. (9:47 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1131 Guyton St. (11:45 p.m.).

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**SATURDAY, NOV. 18** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 87 S. (10:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1522 Recreational Dr. (15 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1629 Caroline St. (11:09 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, NOV. 19** - Domestic disturbance reported at the Elba Marketplace (8:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Newton St. behind the post office (9:28 p.m.).

**MONDAY, NOV. 20** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 980 Carver Dr. (4:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 87 S. (10:23 p.m.).

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# SCHOOLS

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Brittany Phillips



This week's co-op spotlight focuses on **Tatiana Parker**. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Billy and Christina Parker.

Tatiana currently is an employee of National Security in Elba, where she works in the accounting department. She balances checks and pay stubs.

Tatiana is an active student at Elba High School. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, FBLA, Key Club, St. Beta, VICA and EHS Ambassadors. She also plays saxophone in the Elba Marching Tiger Band.

In addition to being active at school, Tatiana is also involved as a youth member of her church. In her spare time, she helps her father with yard work and likes hanging out with her friends.

After high school, Tatiana plans to attend a college of her choice to obtain a degree in psychology.

### Elba High School honors Veterans with program

by Yoquesta Terry

On Thursday, Nov. 9, Elba High School honored Veterans by having a Veterans' Day Program sponsored by the EHS Key Club.

The program opened with Tatiana Parker, the mistress of ceremonies. Ciara Burrows led the pledge, and Melanie Mularz followed with prayer.

The Veterans were honored for their service by being presented certificates.

The first veteran honored was Ray Kyle, a United States Marine Corp veteran who served in the Vietnam War. His wife, Faye Kyle, and his grandson, Ashton Davis, were also in attendance.

The second veteran was Bob Howard, a United States Marine Corp veteran who served in the

## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Ashton Rodriguez  
& Ciara Burrows

MU ALPHA THETA CLUB OFFICERS include (left to right): Melanie Mularz, president; Ashley Carpenter, vice president; and Megan Sullivan, secretary.



SPANISH CLUB OFFICERS include (left to right): LaTanda Tyson, secretary; Kim Cooks, president; Cynricka Dean, treasurer; and Shanika Dean, vice president.



### Elba Elementary holds parent/student lunch

by Sydney Brunson

October was parent involvement month, and in honor of this time Elba Elementary School students invited their parents to school.

During the week of Halloween, elementary students dined with their parents during their luncheon. It was a great time for parents to step into the shoes of their child by eating the same food and talking with the child's classmates.

Studies show that when parents are involved in their child's education the child has a higher rate of success in school. This program is just one of many ways for EES parents to get involved.

### Elba Tigers open basketball season against Kinston

by Justin Williams

The Elba High School Tigers B-Team and Varsity Basketball teams tipped off the season against the Kinston Bulldogs.

Coach Glenn Johnson (head varsity boys' coach) said he was pleased with the outcome of the B-team and Varsity games, but he is looking forward to even better games as the year progresses and the team learns to play better as a unit.

Although the boys' teams came home winners, the girls suffered a tough loss.

Coach Brian Peacock (head girls' basketball coach) responded by saying he thinks the girls did well for their first game, but they will be working harder for the upcoming games because there is stiff competition ahead.

by Ryan McCollough

This week's student spotlight is **Jason Johnson**. He is the 18-year-old son of Mike and Juli Parish and Danny Johnson.

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### EES cheerleaders participate in competition

by Melanie Mularz



The local little league cheerleaders showed their Tiger spirit and pride recently at the first annual cheerleading competition held at Elba High School.

Many other leagues competed including: Arinton, New Brockton, Brantley and Luverne. The competition was split into three different divisions: Termite, Midget and Pee-wee.

Each squad had 15 minutes to perform a routine that consisted of a chant, dance, and cheer. Trophies were awarded to the squad with the best chant, dance and cheer and an overall division champion. Every squad competing also received a spirit stick.

The Elba squad in the termite division was awarded the best dance trophy. In the pee-wee division the Elba squad took home the best dance award as well as the best overall.

Each squad worked hard all season in preparation for the competition, which made the decision even harder for the judges.

### Elba Elementary holds parent/student lunch

by Sydney Brunson

October was parent involvement month, and in honor of this time Elba Elementary School students invited their parents to school.

During the week of Halloween, elementary students dined with their parents during their luncheon. It was a great time for parents to step into the shoes of their child by eating the same food and talking with the child's classmates.

Studies show that when parents are involved in their child's education the child has a higher rate of success in school. This program is just one of many ways for EES parents to get involved.

### Elba Tigers open basketball season against Kinston

by Justin Williams

The Elba High School Tigers B-Team and Varsity Basketball teams tipped off the season against the Kinston Bulldogs.

Coach Glenn Johnson (head varsity boys' coach) said he was pleased with the outcome of the B-team and Varsity games, but he is looking forward to even better games as the year progresses and the team learns to play better as a unit.

Although the boys' teams came home winners, the girls suffered a tough loss.

Coach Brian Peacock (head girls' basketball coach) responded by saying he thinks the girls did well for their first game, but they will be working harder for the upcoming games because there is stiff competition ahead.

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### Sr. Beta holds induction ceremony

by Ciara Burrows

The Senior Beta Club Induction Ceremony was held Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Elba High School. This year's ceremony

was at night instead of during the club meeting.

Sydney Brunson welcomed the parents and guests, and Chase Bowtell, led the Invocation & Pledge. Melanie Mularz and Ashley Carpenter read the Purpose of Beta.

Katie Cash recounted local activities of the club, and all the officers conducted the Daisy Induction Ceremony. The new members were pinned and given a Beta pin and a certificate.

Yoquesta Terry made closing remarks and then refreshments were served to the guests.

**Junior high teams battle Z.C. Rebels on the b-ball court**

by Michael Hall

The 7th and 8th grade boys and girls traveled Monday, Nov. 13, to Zion Chapel to battle the Zion Chapel Rebels.

The 7th grade boys won easily 32-6 with Nick McLaughlin leading the young Tigers' scoring attack with 10 points. Tyler Anderson combined with McLaughlin and scored 7 points, and Donna Rogers added 4.

The Tigers' domination continued as the 8th grade boys also won 42-14.

Leading the 8th grade Tigers was Sandarius Reed with 20 points. Chance Goosby followed with 8 points, and Michael Martin added 4.

After a tough night on the floor and on the boards, the young Lady Tigers were upset by the Lady Rebels.

The young Tigers will be back practicing hard again in the days ahead to regroup and come back for the remainder of the season.

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# SCHOOLS

## Student transcends the norm

by Nicole Danley

On Sept. 21, in Atlanta, Ga., the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced that Katherine A. Lee (a.k.a. Alex Lee) from New Brockton High School had been chosen for membership.

NSHSS recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. It was announced by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family.

Mr. Nobel said, "On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Katherine has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence. Katherine is now a



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### What's So Great About Basketball?

by Chelsea Dempsey

Have you ever wondered, "What's so great about basketball anyway?" Well, I recently asked some of the students at New Brockton High School what they loved about basketball.

**Rachel Barrett** (10th Grade) - My favorite thing about basketball is how everyone works you up by being aggressive and rowdy.

**Valerie Hutcherson** (12th Grade) - My favorite thing about basketball is the aggression, blocking shots, and just being in the game.

**Vanna Marshall** (12th grade) - My favorite thing about basketball is the adrenaline and the crowd roaring.

**O.J. Jackson** (11th Grade) - My favorite thing about basketball is the challenges against others and blocking shots.

**Monica Largess** (11th Grade) - My favorite thing about basketball is the excitement of the game.

**8th Grader Kayla Purvis** is fired up for the game against Elba.

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Views From....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The girls are out of school this week for the holidays, and Dad is thinking about a big Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings and a few days of rest and relaxation, the rest of the family has plans to go shopping and going out to the garage to pull out the Christmas decorations. Oh well, maybe if I am lucky I will get the chance to sleep in at least a day or two.

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers tipped off their basketball season last week and ended the first week of action with a 1-1 record after posting a win over Kinston and falling to Godwin. The Tigers were expected to make a strong showing after finishing their entire roster from a year ago, but the new look Tigers showed quickness and desire in the opening two games and gave Elba fans hope that maybe a winning season is on its way. While it is true the Tigers lack size and will be at a huge disadvantage under the boards, their quickness should pay off and the guess here is that Elba will be much better than many thought.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers dropped both their games last week and after only two games it looks like the Elba girls could be headed for a long season. The Lady Tiger opened the season without its top players from a year ago, and the newcomers will just have to get lots of on-the-job training as the season rolls along. There is no doubt Elba will get better as the season goes and should be competitive by mid-season. However, until then the Elba fans will have to keep the faith and support the youngsters as they gain experience.

\*\*\* Brantley continued its dominance in the IAs ranks last week and moved its record to 12-0 with a big 33-14 win over South Lamar, in the second round of the state playoffs. The Bulldogs weren't as dominant as their fans would have liked, but even on somewhat of an off night they had way to much for their opponents. A 19-point win over a "Top 10" opponent was impressive, despite what the fans thought, and the early negative from where I sat was the number of penalties against Brantley. The competition will ready to be better and better in the weeks to come, and those costly penalties could very well come back to haunt the Dogs in a close game.

\*\*\* The second round of the playoffs were filled with surprises, and disappointments for a couple of teams from the Wiregrass. Area teams that saw their seasons end included Geneva, Abbeville, Arion and Red Level, with Geneva's 19 top-seeded team being eliminated in the list. Other unexpected losses were T.R. Miller's 28-10 setback to Elmore County, W.S. Neal's 14-12 loss to Trinity, Wadey's 16-14 loss to Sunshine, and Daphne's 34-21 loss to Sidney Lanier. Perhaps the week's most impressive win was posted by Prattville, which walloped once-beaten Policy 54-7. It wasn't a good week for the #1 seed in the playoffs as 19 top-seeded teams were eliminated. With just two wins left, the top seeds are already out of the action!

\*\*\* Auburn claimed its fifth straight win over Alabama on Saturday, and late in the game the TV commentators stated that Alabama could play any team on its schedule close, it just could not win the close games. While all the losses cannot be blamed on the coaches, in the game Saturday it was evident that Auburn out-coached the Tide. Mike Shula simply can't make the big decisions, and once again it helped lead to a loss. His decision to go for two late in the first half was a mistake that resulted in another missed two-point conversion, and if the Tide had simply kicked the extra points it could have cut the Auburn lead to only two points with a late field-goal. Then, another goal could have possibly given Alabama a win. It is easy to play what if, but, what if Alabama had an experienced head coach instead of one that has had to learn from his own mistakes. If he does learn from the mistakes, he one day may be a good one, since he has had lots of lessons.

\*\*\* Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by early over the weekend and was still complaining about how cold it had been at both the opening weeks of the playoffs. The local guespert said he wore two pairs of socks, two shirts, and gloves at Brantley, and still left in the third quarter. While he didn't predict the weather for this week's game, he did leave his playoff picks....

## BRANTLEY VS. MAPLESVILLE

The Dogs from up across the river will load up their food dishes and head North this week as they continue their hunt for a state title. While there is little doubt here the Dogs will stay on a map and stay on course, they need to beware of any detours, since word is that it's a "Devil of a team that resides along the planned route."

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## SPORTS

## Over Kinston Bulldogs

## Tigers open season with 62-52 win

The Elba Tigers opened the 2006-2007 high school basketball season last Tuesday night at Kinston and turned back a late Bulldogs rally to escape with an exciting 62-52 road win.

Neither team could find its way to the goal in the opening stanza as the Tigers crept out to a 10-6 advantage. However, Elba began to pick up the pace in the second quarter and behind the scoring punch of Jordan Bryant and Trey Belcher opened up a 26-18 halftime bulge. Respress continued to hold the hot-hand in the third quarter as the Tigers increased their lead to 40-27, and Elba held on late as the Tigers escaped with the exciting 62-52 road win.

Trey Belcher scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Jordan Bryant added 15 and Gavin Respress scored 12. Matt Whigham scored 10 points to lead Kinston.

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Elba (62): Respress 12,



Elba's Gavin Respress (4) dribbles up court in the Tigers' 62-52 win over Kinston. Elba will return to the court next week with a Tuesday showdown at home against Zion Chapel.

(Mike Capps photo)

## Elba Lady Tigers drop opener to Kinston 43-24

The Elba Lady Tigers tipped off their season last Tuesday night in Kinston and saw a late rally fall far short as the Lady Bulldogs posted a big 43-24 win.

Jasae Carnley scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Kaliegh Sanders added 10, Heather Marlowe added 11, K'ton (34): Sessions 4, Davis 2, Johnson 11, Wilson 2, Hunko 2, Rachel 1.

ZION CHAPEL 22

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New Brockton came out ready to play and sprinted out to a 20-10 lead by the end of the first quarter, and by the end of the half appeared to be in complete control with a big 41-6 halftime advantage. Kinston cut into the lead in the third quarter and pulled ahead 64-52, but the Gamecocks broke loose for 34 points in the final stanza and at the final horn owned a wild 98-77 win over the Bulldogs.

Courtney Foster scored 17 points and Dadian Johnson added 15 to lead New Brockton, while Tevin McNair added 13, Adam Carter, Tim Geddings and James Tidwell all scored 5 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Tim Donaldson added 22 and Aaron Jacobs 14.

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## Weekend baseball camps set for November-February with Enterprise's Adam Godwin

Enterprise native Adam Godwin is making plans for weekend baseball camps from Nov. 24-26, 2006 through the final weekend in February 2007.

Godwin, who holds the NCAA single-season record for stolen bases and is an outfielder in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization, will offer individualized instruction in improving speed, hitting, fielding, throwing, strategy, agility, and other fundamentals of the game, excluding pitching.

"I'm not a pitcher and I'm not going to even attempt to teach youngsters anything about pitching, except how to hit it," Godwin said.

Godwin charges \$35 per hour for the instruction of \$110 for four lessons. Family and youth league team rates are also available.

The lessons can be stretched out over four 3-day weekends or can be taken all in the same weekend. Instruction will be designed to work on those areas selected by the individual player.

Godwin, an Enterprise native, played baseball at Enterprise High School, Enterprise-Ozark Community College and was an All Sunbelt Conference while playing at Troy University.

These instructional sessions will be held rain or shine, Friday-Sunday except Christmas and New Year's weeks.

"I want to share the knowledge I've gained with young players in Enterprise and the Wiregrass Area," Godwin said. "I'll show them the 'Dodger Way,' a winning philosophy that's held true since Mr. Branch Rickey devised it about the time of World War II."

For further information or to register, for instruction, call Godwin at 334-475-6777. Leave a message if there is no answer.

## ELBA 32 ZION CHAPEL 6

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## 7TH GRADE

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Elba (32): -Jeronson 6, Goosby 2, Robinson 4, Reed 16, Samson (24): Dean 4, Baldwin 4, Day 2, Stinson 4, Jenkins 12.

ELBA 35 SAMSON 23

The Elba Tigers took command early and cruised with a big 44-23 win over Samson. The Tigers jumped ahead 18-2 in the

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
4:00 - Zion Chapel Jr. at Elba (7B-8G-BB)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28  
4:30 - Zion Chapel at Elba (JV-VG-VB)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
4:30 - Kinston at Elba (JV-VG-VB)

4:30 - Elba Jr. at Geneva Jr. (8G-BB)

## SPORTS

## Defeats Kinston and Zion Chapel

## New Brockton opens season with two wins

The New Brockton Gamecocks tipped off the 2006-2007 high school basketball season last week and gave their fans plenty to cheer about as they posted big wins over cross-county rivals Kinston and Zion Chapel.

"Our players worked hard in practice to get ready for the season," stated Coach Robbie Kinsaul, "and it was great to open the season with two wins. We ran the court well and were aggressive on defense, and the result was two wins. We still have a lot of work to do as the season progresses, but last week was a great way to open the season, and the wins would give the players the confidence that they can win on the court."

Following are highlights of last week's two wins:

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## Let's Go...

## Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

**Cover and attractant scents tilt odds in your favor**

We all remember our elders telling us to stop, look and listen before we crossed the street. Were deer to pass along similar advice to their young, they'd modify their version to "Stop, look, listen and smell for humans."

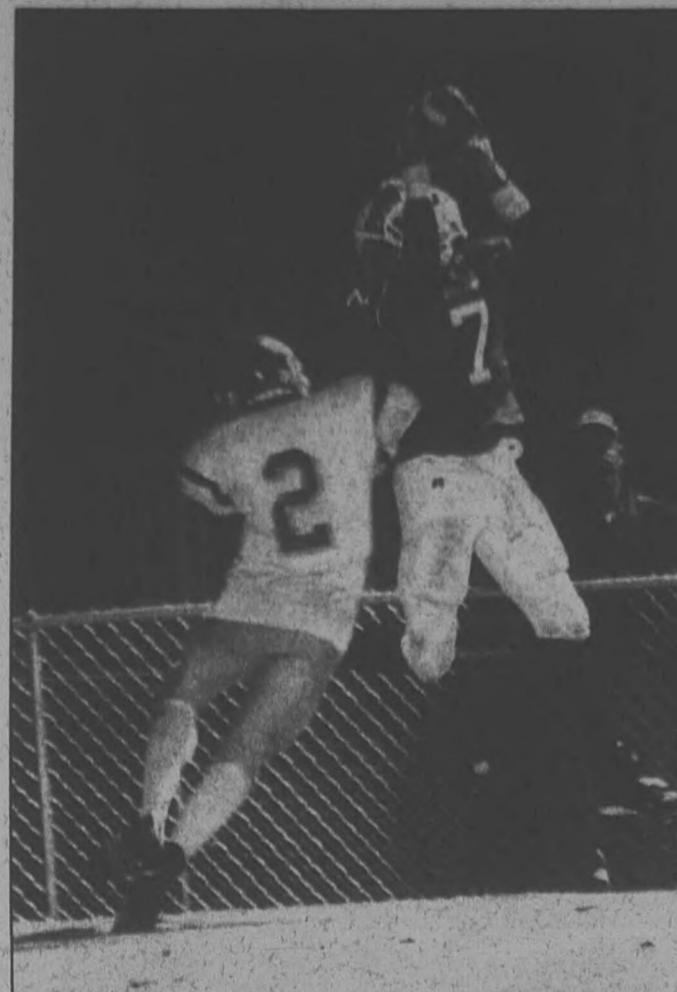
If you are one of the thousands of hunters who have failed to connect with a buck because they were winded well before they were aware of their quarry's approach, you may want to consider using an attractant or cover scent.

Over forty-five years ago,

# SPORTS

Brantley ousts South Lamar 33-14

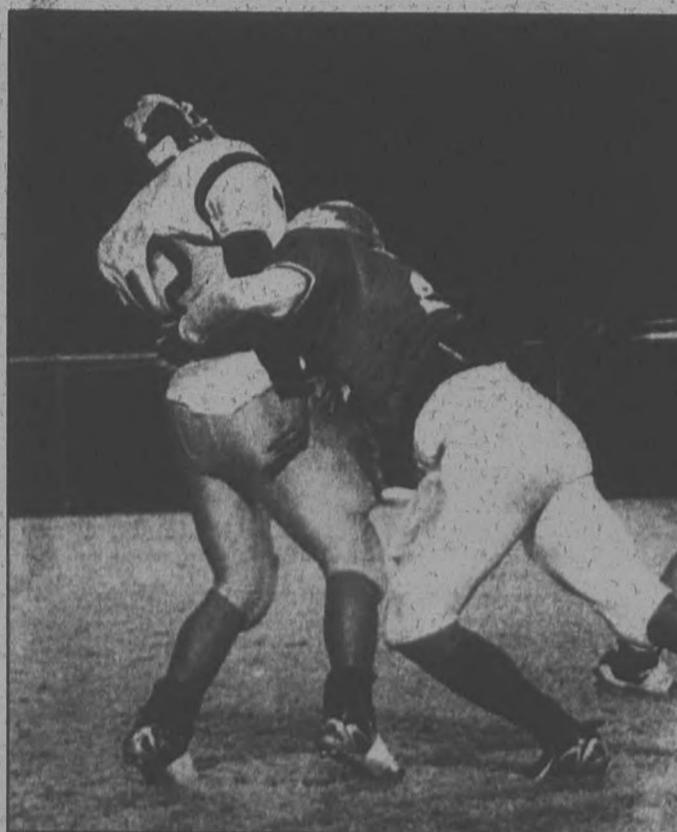
## Bulldogs chase Stallions out of Class 1A playoffs



Brantley's Terry McClain (7) goes high to pull in a 27-yard pass completion in the Bulldogs' second round playoff win over South Lamar. The Bulldogs passed for 163 yards in the 33-14 win.



Brantley's Marcus Owens (48) and Corey Latham (44) combine to sack a South Lamar ball carrier for a big loss. The Bulldogs will be on the road Friday night when they travel to Maplesville to meet the unbeaten Red Devils in the 1A quarterfinals.

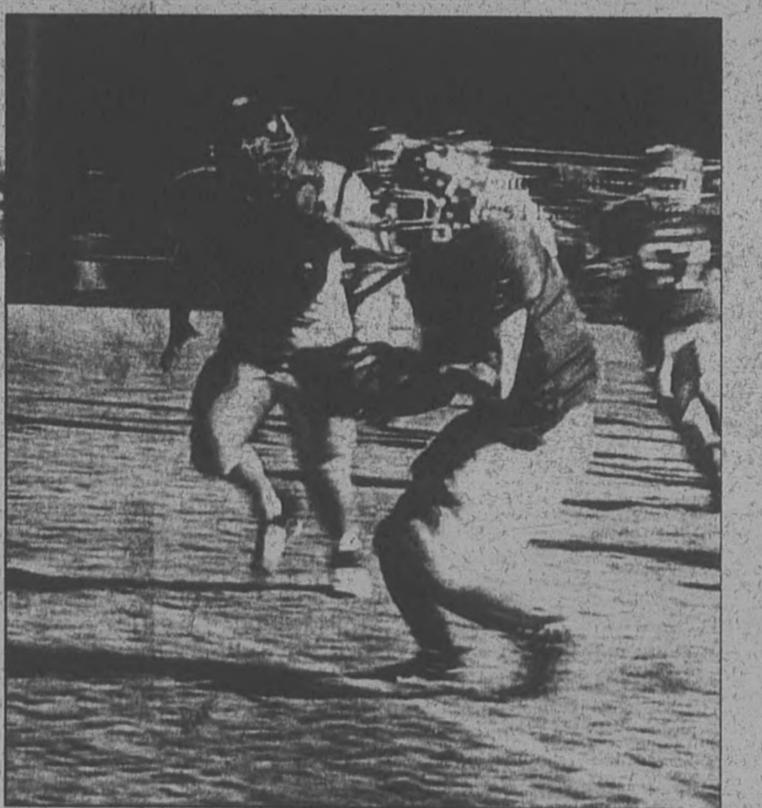


Brantley's Dexter Daniels (24) introduces himself to the South Lamar quarterback in action last week in the Bulldogs' 33-14 win over the Stallions. Brantley improved its record to 12-0 with the win and this week will travel to Maplesville for a showdown with the Maplesville Red Devils.

Show your school colors Friday night and turn the Red Devils  
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Brantley's Coach David Lowery argues his point to an official after a penalty in the second half of last week's 33-14 win over South Lamar. The Bulldogs were flagged 11 times for 105 yards in the game.



Brantley's James Pittman (5) crosses the goal line for a touchdown in last week's playoff win over South Lamar. Pittman rushed for 112 yards, caught 2 passes for 89 yards and scored 3 touchdowns in the Bulldogs' big 33-14 win over the Stallions.



Bulldog fans of all sizes celebrated on the field Friday night after Brantley's 33-14 win over South Lamar. This fan made it clear that the Bulldogs were #1!

By Greg Brunson  
Photos by Janet Brunson and Mike Capps

The Brantley Bulldogs used two touchdowns from James Pittman and three scores from Jeffery Daniels to claim a 33-14 win over the South Lamar Stallions, Friday night in second round playoff action.

The Bulldog defense allowed only one first down in the first half as Brantley jumped out to a 20-0 lead, and the "Dogs easily held on late to push their record to 12-0 on the season.

A 33-14 lead on the opening kickoff by Roy-L Knighten gave Brantley possession of the South Lamar 43-yardline, and the Bulldogs used nine plays to get in the endzone. The scoring drive was highlighted by a 24-yard gain on a screen pass from Jonathan Helms to James Pittman, while Jeffery Daniels plowed in from outside to score the touchdown. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with 6:16 remaining in the first quarter Brantley was already in front 7-0.

The next two Bulldog possessions both ended in turnovers, with South Lamar's Eric Jones claiming a pass interception and Justin Brock recovering a Brantley fumble.

Brantley's Justin Wright recovered a Stallion fumble at the South Lamar 8-yardline early in the second quarter and the Bulldogs cashed in on the turnover to extend their lead. A Chris Booker run to the South Lamar 10 set up a 10-yard run by James Pittman, and Marcus Owens booted the extra-point as Brantley moved ahead 14-0 with 8:34 left in the second quarter.

The game's next three offensive possessions resulted in punts, with Brantley winding up with the ball at the South Lamar 47-yardline. The Bulldogs put together another nice play scoring drive that ended with a one-yard touchdown plunge by Jeffery Daniels. A key play in the scoring drive was a 20-yard completion from Anthony Guley to Jon Tyson that set the Bulldogs up just inside the two-yardline. The extra-point try failed, but with :35 left in the half Brantley was in command with a 20-0 advantage.

As the second half opened Brantley used a 25-yard run by Chris Booker and a 27-yard pass completion to Terry McClain to reach the South Lamar 5-yardline. The drive stalled; however, and the Bulldogs came away empty-handed when on fourth down a Marcus Owens field-goal attempt was blocked.

South Lamar gambled on a fourth down play near midfield on its ensuing possession, and the gamble failed to pay off as Corey Latham, Dexter Daniels and Marcus Owens snuffed out a quarterback draw that gave the ball back to the Bulldogs in excellent field-position.

Two penalties backed the Bulldogs up to their own 35-yardline, but the penalty flags only delayed the next Brantley score as Jonathan Helms connected with James Pittman in the flats and Pittman cut across the field, picked up a wall of blockers and raced 65 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Owens booted the extra-point, and with 3:13 remaining in the third quarter Brantley's lead stood at 27-7.

South Lamar took the ensuing kickoff and marched 51 yards in 11 plays to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 19-yard pass from Justin Brock to Nathaniel Foster, and Brock also added the extra-point as the Stallions cut the Brantley lead to 27-7 with 11:53 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Brantley's Jon Tyson returned the ensuing kickoff to the South Lamar 44-yardline and from there the Bulldogs drove 44 yards in 10 plays to score. A 27-yard run by Frazier, a special teamer, for a 27-yard gain to set the Bulldogs up at the Stallion 2-yardline, and five plays later Jeffery Daniels cracked over from the one for his third touchdown of the night. The extra-point was blocked, but with 7:11 left on the clock Brantley was on top 33-7 and had the win wrapped up.

South Lamar scored late in the game on a six play, 39-yard drive. Justin Brock scored the touchdown on a 2-yard quarterback sneak with 5:28 remaining, and Brock tacked on the extra-point to make the final score Brantley 33 South Lamar 14.

James Pittman led the Brantley offense with 112 yards rushing on 16 carries and 89 yards receiving on two catches. Chris Booker added 91 yards rushing on 21 carries.

### STATISTICS

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1st Downs	9	9
Rushes-Yds.	20-32	20-32
Passing Yds.	141	141
Total Offense	173	173
Passes	14-30-1	14-30-1
Return Yds.	154	154
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Penalties-Yds.	3-32	3-32
Punts-Ave.	5-25	5-25

### Brantley Bulldogs hit the road Friday night for match-up against third-ranked Maplesville

The top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs will hit the road for the first time in post-season play Friday night when they travel to Maplesville to battle the undefeated and third-ranked Maplesville Red Devils.

The clash of 1A powers will come in the quarterfinal round of the AHSSAA Class 1A football playoffs, and will pit two perennial powers that have combined to win three state titles in the past 13 years.

Maplesville, coached by Brent Hubert, will bring an 11-0 record into Friday night's contest, with wins over Notasula 47-24, St. Jude 55-20, Wadley 33-0, Leeds 28-14, Isabella 62-0, Billingsley 42-8, Autaugasville 62-6, Verbena 42-6, Woodland 21-0, Flora 42-0 and A.L. Johnson 33-8.

The Red Devils posted a 5-6 record back in Coach Hubert's first year at the helm in 2004, but last season improved to an 8-3 record and this year has rolled to 11 straight wins. A total of 16 returning starters have led Maplesville to the big season, including 8 two-year starters on defense and two-year standouts Josh Smith (QB) and Rod Nit (TB) leading the way in the offensive backfield.

Brantley, coached by David Lowery, will bring a perfect 12-0 record and a #1 ranking into the playoff match-up, and will enter the game coming off a 33-14 playoff win over South Lamar. The Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 544-65 in their quest for a state title, and have been held to less than 40 points only twice all season.

Kickoff for the Friday night clash is set for 7:00 PM.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



### NEWS BRIEF

The Coffee County Enterprise Division Grand Jury met in session on October 30, 2006.

The Grand Jury Impeached only one of 207 cases. The Grand Jury handed down 200 indictments, 200 cases being felonies and 70 cases being misdemeanors. The Grand Jury returned 13 no bills and zero coram.

Arrangements for all elections are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the Enterprise Conference.

The arrival of November in Elba means the annual Christmas Festival can only be a few weeks away, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce is working hard to deliver yet another exciting and fun-filled day on the square in downtown Elba.

The Christmas Festival will be Saturday, Nov. 25, on the square in downtown Elba, and the day's events will conclude with the annual Elba Christmas Parade.

"We're very excited about plans for this year's Christmas Festival," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Herby McCall.

The changes mostly deal with the day's entertainment.

Whitworth said this year's Christmas Festival will begin with a very special treat as children will be able to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa" from 8-9 a.m. This event will be held at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office. From 9:10 a.m., the children will be allowed to have their picture made with Santa.

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Vocal entertainment will be from 12:45-1 p.m. followed by the countywide children's choir at 1 p.m. This choir will perform songs learned from the "Arctic Edge" Vacation Bible School.

The Dixieland Cloggers will follow the children's choir at 1:30 p.m., while another new event will begin at 2 p.m. Whitworth said a Community Adult Choir will perform together during this year's Christmas Festival. This year's entertainment will conclude with the She Bang dance group from Troy.

The annual Christmas Parade will begin at 4 p.m. Again this year, the first float will be collecting nonperishable food items to be donated to needy families in the local area.

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## Attorney General discusses child abuse with Alabama school officials

Attorney General Troy King recently addressed school officials meeting in Hoover for the School Superintendents of Alabama fall conference, thanking them for their vigilance in recognizing and reporting child abuse and stressing the need for all teachers to remain watchful. Attorney General King provided detailed information about behavior and symptoms that are indicators of sexual, physical and emotional child abuse, and asked the superintendents to distribute the materials to teachers throughout Alabama's school systems.

"As Attorney General and as a parent of three young children, I am grateful to our teachers for everything they do to keep our children safe," said Attorney General King. "Because teachers and school personnel spend so much time with children, they are in a unique position to notice and act upon cases of suspected abuse. Sadly, we live in increasingly dangerous times,

and our children are ever more vulnerable to predators, abuse and random violence. I am asking every teacher in Alabama to heighten their vigilance so that we can cast an even stronger shield of protection over our children. If by reading and studying these child abuse indicators, our teachers can protect even one more child, it will be a great victory."

Under state law, teachers are among those required to report when they know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected. It is not necessary that one has proof of abuse, but that when there is reasonable suspicion of child abuse, it should be.

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reported. The law presumes that reports of child abuse are made in good faith, and provides immunity to teachers and others making such reports. Suspected child abuse should be reported to the local office of the Department of Human Resources, or in cases of emergency to the local law enforcement.

"Attorney General King's list of child abuse indicators requested to be distributed to all state school teachers. This list also is available from the website of Child Protect Children's Advocacy Center in Montgomery at [www.childprotect.org](http://www.childprotect.org).

## Wachovia names Enterprise native to direct retail banking

Wachovia has named Enterprise native David Ridgeway retail banking director for the bank's Atlanta, Miss. and South/Central Asia markets, including Montgomery, Selma, Troy, Auburn, Alexander City, Dothan and the Wiregrass area. In his role, Ridgeway will oversee retail employees in the area to ensure that they are exceeding goals and delivering exceptional levels of customer service.

Ridgeway most recently served as retail banking director for the Greater Georgia West

region, which includes the Columbus, Ga., Monroe, Cartersville, Macon, Rome, Dalton, Atlanta, Athens and Gainesville markets. He has been with Wachovia since 1998 and has held the role of financial specialist leader in metro Atlanta, as well as senior financial specialist and city president in Pine Mountain, Ga.

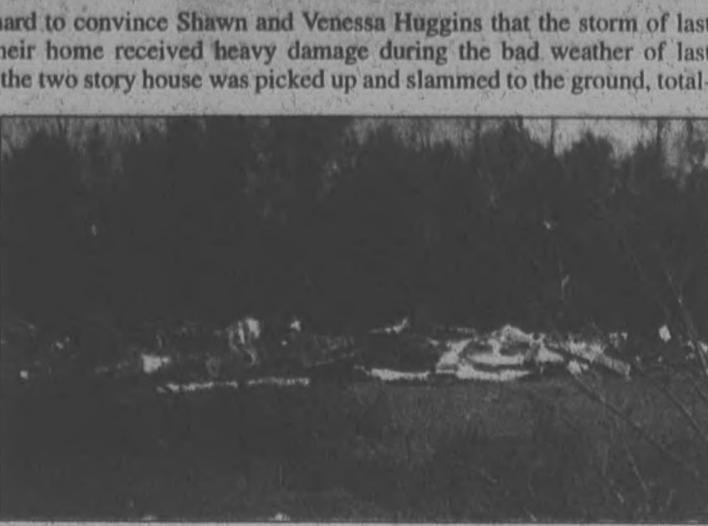
David is a graduate of Troy University where he earned a bachelor's degree in communications and an MBA in human resource management.

**STORM DAMAGE** It might be hard to convince Shawn and Venessa Huggins that the storm of last Wednesday was not a tornado. Their home received heavy damage during the bad weather of last Wednesday. A mobile home beside the two story house was picked up and slammed to the ground, totally destroying it. No one was in the house nor the trailer at the time the storm struck.

Prior to the storm this house had a front porch and white colonial columns. At the time the picture was taken Wednesday, emergency personnel had no evidence as to where the remains of those columns might have landed.

The house suffered extensive roof damage, the front door was blown open and at least one of the doors on the adjoining garage were partially ripped from its hinges.

While the storm has not been officially classified as a tornado, many residents in the area gave description of the sounds and they were classic tornado.



Remains of a mobile home hit by the storm

**BOGGAN**

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and cultural benefit and development. The program began in 2004, and there are now 401 Preserve America designations in 48 states. Communities, tribal, historic neighborhoods in urban centers and counties may be designated upon application and meeting sufficient criteria to qualify for the program.

The Preserve America initiative is a White House effort to encourage and support community efforts for the preservation and enjoyment of America's priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the initiative include: a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past; strengthened regional

identities and local pride; increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets; and support for the economic vitality of communities. For more information on communities, grants, and other aspects of the initiative, visit [www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov).

Phil Boggan was a 1990 graduate of Elba High School. He received his B.S. from the University of West Alabama and Master's of Preservation Studies from Tulane University School of Architecture. His parents are Sue Boggan of Elba, AL, and Phillip and Linda Boggan of Andalusia, AL. Phil resides in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

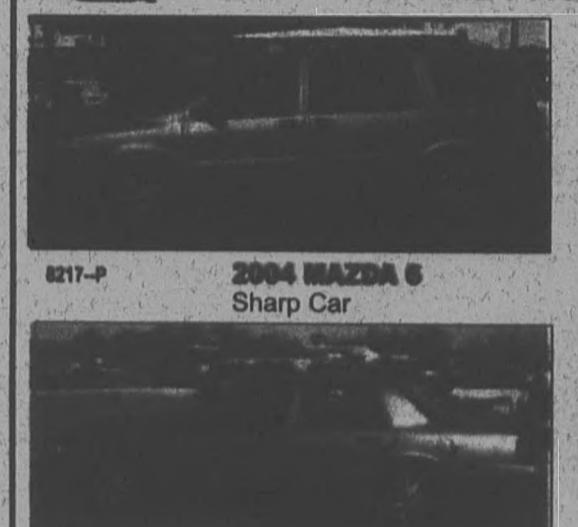
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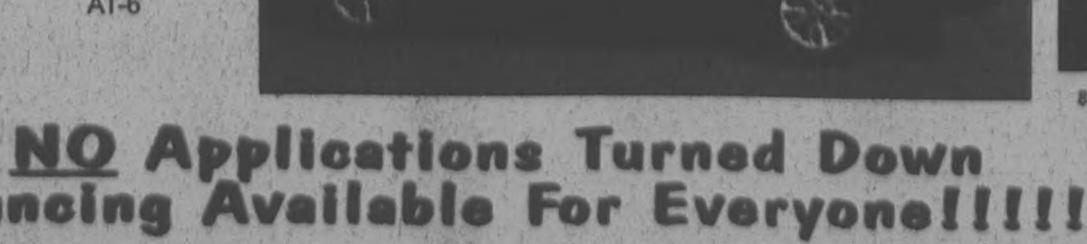
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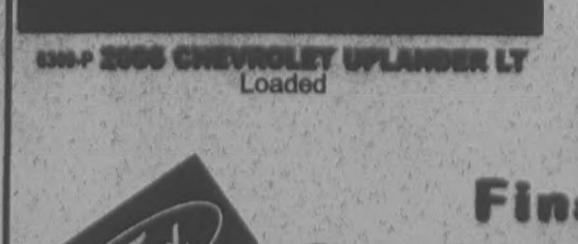
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## Coffee County Commission approves new garbage rates

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission voted Monday, Nov. 27, to increase solid waste collection service rates for county residents.

Earlier in the year, the commission voted to enter into a contract with Arrow Disposal as the county's solid waste collection provider. The new contract resulted in a significant increase in cost with the county paying Arrow \$78,000 per month for the service.

Mobley said the '98-'99 audit had no findings, the '99-'2000 audit indicated the Coffee County Commission complied with all internal control measures, the '2001-'02 audit revealed no instances of non-compliance, the '01-'02 audit had no findings, but a recommendation was included and the '02-'03 and '03-'04 audits found no instances of internal control problems.

During Monday's meeting, commissioner Linda Westbrook said the committee had looked at this to be an attack on his personal and professional credibility by some members of the Coffee County Commission thus creating a hostile working environment for him.

She made a motion with a second from commissioner J.L. Weeks to set the rates for residents at \$14 per month (\$42 quarterly).

Commissioner Robert Stephens offered an amendment to the motion to include a credit of \$6 for those who pay annually and \$3 for those who pay semi-annually for the service. He received a second from Commissioner Tom Grimes and the amendment was unanimously approved.

Next, commissioners voted on the original motion as amended. The motion passed by a 6-1 vote. Commissioner Jim Thompson cast the lone opposing vote.

Also during Monday's meeting, county administrator Wilson Mobley invited any taxpayer to come by the commission office and review any audit report on file.

Scheipe said there was a lot of smoke in the cell block but no injuries resulted. She also said there was no major damage.

Scheipe's invitation seemed to stem from the previous meeting when Commissioner Grimes asked Commissioner Westbrook to explain several past audit

Elba man arrested following domestic incident

Officers with the Elba Police Department responded to the scene of a domestic incident recently which resulted in the arrest of a male suspect.

MacArthur Reed, age 46, of Elba, was arrested Monday, Nov. 20, after a female victim accused him of hitting her and taking her purse, according to Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey.

Reed was charged with theft of property, first degree, and

Reed is out of jail on bond.

## Elba enjoys annual Christmas Festival and Parade

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Elba Christmas Festival and Parade last Saturday, Nov. 25, in downtown Elba.

Among the day's features was

beautiful weather as many were

had throughout the day making remarks about mother nature's blessing.

The annual Christmas Festival events actually began early Saturday morning as youngsters were invited to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa."

This proved to be fun and enjoyable

event for all involved. Jolly St. Nick also took time to have photos made with those who participated in "Breakfast with Santa."

Activities on the square began around 9 a.m. as many arts and crafts and food vendors set up shop for the day.

The day's entertainment began at

10 a.m. with the Miss Christmas pageants. At noon, "Storytime with Mrs. Claus" caught the attention of many as youngsters were invited to join Mrs. Claus on stage for the reading of stories.

The Elba Elementary School SGA

wowed the crowd with their presentation of the short play, "The Very Best Christmas Present" while other entertainment included: a countywide children's choir singing songs from the "Arctic Edge" Vacation Bible School, a community adult choir singing various Christmas songs, the Dixieland Cloggers and the SheBang dancers.

The day's activities concluded

last Saturday evening. The

City of Elba float featuring

Miss Elba queens was

among the entries. Shown are Little Miss Elba Maddie Chandler, Junior Miss Elba Meagan Anderson and Miss Elba Lauren McClung.

## Elba City Council appoints Gappa Wise to fill school board vacancy

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, named a school board member, entered into a contract with an attorney in an effort to collect from some potential environmental damages and was updated on the status of several projects.

Council member Ronnie Hammond was absent.

Gappa Wise was named to the Elba City School Board to fill the unexpired term of Katrina Calhoun, who recently resigned. The term expires in June of 2007.

The council agreed to a contract with attorney Terry Butts to

represent Elba in filing for damages if suspected ground contamination is shown to have caused extensive environmental damages to local soils. Before making a motion to accept the contract, council member Tom Hoods commented that there was no liability nor cost to Elba taxpayers in entering this contract. Mayor James Grimes said the contract had been reviewed by the city attorney and that Hoods was correct.

The motion was approved unanimously.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham work

is set for December 6th and all council members indicated they planned to attend.

Away from the department, Officer Blair serves as an active member and deacon of Basin Baptist Church. His hobbies include camping, attending Alabama football games, NASCAR races, and of course, spending time with his wife, Melonee, and son, Brian.



The Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting Monday, Nov. 20, for Tammy's Barber & Style, located at 510 W. Davis Street in Elba. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left to right): Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Nathan Carroll, Kenneth Calhoun, Rene Lambert, Barry Giles, Kay Mack, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Josh Mack, Drew Mack, Tammy Mack - owner, Don Mack, Makenzie Wambles, Jackie Mack, Little Miss Elba Maddie Chandler, Eva Medlock and Herby McCall.

Officer Blair said he chose law enforcement as a career "to serve the citizens of my community and the opportunity to help others." He added that his most memorable police experience has been the 1990 flood of Elba. With 18 years of police service altogether, Officer Blair has served the majority of his career at the Elba Police Department with a total of 12 (unconsecutive) years employment. His nearly two decades of police service also has allowed him to serve the community through the Alabama Department of Corrections, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department as a deputy and as Chief of Police for the Town of Brantley.

Officer Blair has special/advanced training in